

**SANTA FE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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FBLA

Thirty-three members of the Santa Fe Trail FBLA chapter participated at their 2015 Kansas FBLA State Leadership Conference in Topeka, Kansas on March 24-25. Those SFT-FBLA members that placed in the Top 10 were:

Anna Capra

1st Sales Presentation (Qualified for National competition in Chicago June 28-30)

Zane Cersovsky

1st Computer Problem Solving (Qualified for National competition in Chicago June 28-30)

1st Cyber Security

4th Economics

1st Help Desk

1st Networking Concepts

MacKinzie Foster

10th Business Math

9th Introduction to Business

Elizabeth Hill

3rd Local Annual Business Report (Qualified for National competition in Chicago June 28-30)

3rd National Who's Who in FBLA

8th Ms. FBL

Kyle Hug

6th Mr. FBL

Elected as District VII Vice President of Kansas FBLA

Kurstin Masters

7th Desktop Publishing

Colin McIver

3rd Computer Problem Solving (Qualified for National competition in Chicago June 28-30)

The Santa Fe Trail FBLA chapter also received recognition during the state conference for: Gold Seal Chapter, September "Chapter of the Month", and increase in chapter membership. Senior, Elizabeth Hill; Juniors, Kyle Hug & Seth Coltrane; and Freshman, Cameron Koger, were recognized as "Who's Who" in Kansas FBLA.



SPORT PHYSICALS FOR 2015-16

Santa Fe Trail will be offering sports physicals at school in conjunction with the Washburn University School of Nursing. The physicals will be valid for the 2015-2016 school year. Physicals will be given at Santa Fe Trail High School on May 1st for student athletes in grades 9-11 and Carbondale Attendance Center on May 5th for student athletes in grades 6-8. The cost will be \$35. Insurance will **not** be billed. More specific information will be provided as the date approaches. If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Lewis, RN, BSN at 785-665-7161 or 785-836-7656.

WIND TURBINE AT SFT

The long awaited installation of our wind turbine is finally upon us. It will be installed Thursday April 2nd, rain or shine, provided it is not a down pour. The timing couldn't be better as we look at the possibility of offering a new science course, Energy Science, where our students can get a leg up on their competition in the work force by learning about the energy industry and renewable energy sources. The energy industry in the next years will potentially be losing 50% of their workforce due to retirements and this course will put our students into position to take additional courses through Washburn Tech and Flint Hills Technical College to receive the training necessary to enter many of the energy related careers which will be in high demand. Feel free to stop by and see what is happening west of the DAC.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE ART DEPARTMENT

Kiara Padilla was a finalist for the "Artist of the Week" award for the 10th-12th age group on the ARTSONIA Art Website for March 29- April 4th.

On Wednesday, April 8th, Santa Fe Trail Junior High and High School will be holding “Above & Beyond”, an end-of-year collaborative art exhibit. This will take place in the commons area of the high school and will be held from 5:30-6:30 pm. Two and three-dimensional artwork, as well as a podcast, and functional art from the industrial technology classes will be on display. This will be a fun evening with some wonderful artwork to view! So please come and show your support for all of our talented artists!



SOPHOMORE ENGLISH

The students in Mrs. Hoffsommer’s and Mrs. McIver’s Advanced Sophomore English class are in the midst of a unit on censorship and banned/challenged books. Students started off the unit by researching various books that have been banned or challenged over time. They then read the novel *Fahrenheit 451*, which is a futuristic novel about a society where all books are banned. Following the reading of this novel, the students received a visit from former SFT teacher, Paul Schmidt, who talked to them about mob mentality and the idea of “group think” – which is the idea that we often do things in groups that we would not do individually. This topic led into another novel study over a book called *The Wave*. This novel is a fictional account of a real-life social experiment that took place in a school in California. Upon completion of *The Wave*, the students had another amazing “visit” with someone to help them understand the material. Todd Strasser, author of *The Wave*, held a Skype visit with the students. The students were able to ask Mr. Strasser about the novel, as well as about the process of writing a novel. He was very entertaining and shared a lot of outstanding information with the students. This has been a valuable learning unit and will

be concluded with a research paper which ties the two novels, *Fahrenheit 451* and *The Wave*, together.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE INDUSTRIAL TECH DEPARTMENT

The Industrial education department is busy getting functional art woodworking projects done for the art show next Wednesday, April 8. This year, we will have on display several very useful wood working project that students will use for various reasons. Some of the projects will be used to sit on. Others will be used to store televisions and gaming components. Please come by next Wednesday night from 5:30 – 6:30 and see what your students are creating. I have included a few pictures in case you can't make it.



Athletics and Activities at Santa Fe Trail High School

The following SFT Student-Athletes received post-season honors for winter sports:

Ethan Dean was selected to the Lawrence Journal-World All-Area Wrestling 1st Team, and is a member of the Pioneer League 1st Team for wrestling.

Colin Koger is a member of the Pioneer League 1st Team for wrestling.

Jake Hastings is a member of the Pioneer League 1st Team for wrestling and was named an Honorable Mention Selection to the Lawrence Journal-World All-Area Wrestling Team.

Chris Davis is a member of the Pioneer League 2nd Team for wrestling.

Brenden Hale is a member of the Pioneer League 2nd Team for wrestling.

Bryce Erickson is a member of the Pioneer League 2nd Team for wrestling and was named an Honorable Mention Selection to the Lawrence Journal-World All-Area Wrestling Team.

Cal Lyle is a member of the Pioneer League 2nd Team for wrestling.

The **Santa Fe Trail High School Wrestling Team** placed 2nd at the Pioneer League Tournament and 7th at the 4A State Wrestling Tournament.

Weston Gloss was named to the Pioneer League 1st Team and The Osage County Herald All County 1st Team for basketball.

Mandy Watson was named a 2nd Team selection to The Osage County Herald for girls' basketball.

Baseball

The baseball season has gotten off to a good start in 2015. The varsity team split their doubleheader against Osage City in the season opener and took both games of a doubleheader against Prairie View on March 31st. The junior varsity is 2-0 on the young season, with both of their wins coming against Prairie View. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Overbrook. Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Regional Baseball Tournament held by Kansas City-Bishop Ward at Community America Ballpark (T-Bones' Stadium), 1800 Village West Parkway, Kansas City, Kansas 66111. One (1) day Regional Tournament at Community America Ball Park on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Softball

On Thursday, March 26th the varsity softball team kicked off the season and compiled 2 wins against Osage City. On Tuesday, March 31st the Lady Chargers traveled to Prairie View and lost both games of a doubleheader. This year's junior varsity team is 0-4 on the young season. All varsity and junior varsity home games are played at Jones Park in Carbondale.

Santa Fe Trail will be participating in the Regional Softball Tournament held at Rock Creek High School, 9355 Flush Road, St. George, KS 66535 on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Boys Golf

SFT has yet to play in a tournament so far this season. Upcoming golf dates for the Chargers are April 7th at Burlington & April 14th at Olpe (Emporia Municipal GC). Santa Fe Trail will be playing in the 4A Regional Golf Tournament at the Osawatomie Golf Course, 32942 W Lakeside Drive on Monday, May 18th.

Track

The Santa Fe Trail track team will see their first action on Thursday, April 2nd when they travel to Silver Lake. At this track meet, both the varsity and junior varsity will compete. Santa Fe Trail will participate in the 4A Regional Track Meet hosted by Kansas City-Piper High School on Friday, May 22nd.

Cheer and Dance

Practices for tryouts for the SFTHS Cheer Team and SFTHS Dance Team will be as follows: both teams will practice on Wednesday, April 8th from 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm. The Cheer Team will practice on Monday, April 13th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm and the Dance Team will practice on Wednesday, April 15th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Actual tryouts will be on Friday, April 17th at 10:00 am. The practices and tryouts will be held in the SFTHS gym.